(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the view-point of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (c) Coal India Limited (CIL) management has issued directives for shifting of North-Eastern Coalfields (NEC) headquarters to Margherita from Guwahati, for better coordination and monitoring of operations at Margherita where all the coal mines of NEC are located. Accordingly, Chief General Manager, NEC has shifted his base to Margherita. The rest of the establishment is in the process of shifting.

Increase in BSNL towers

4595. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL is planning to increase Cell Towers, as the BSNL mobile services are not much satisfactory under the Hyderabad District Telecom and other parts of Andhra Pradesh, when compared to private mobile services;

(b) the details of number of new Cell Towers installed during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 under the BSNL in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise; and

(c) the details of steps proposed to be taken to increase Cell Towers in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, GSM based Cellular mobile service being provided by BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited) in Andhra Pradesh Telecom Circle service area including Hyderabad is working satisfactory and in general meeting the QoS (Quality of Service) parameters presribed by TRAI. The cellular mobile network of BSNL is being continuously optimized for its performance and monitoring of the network to ensure performance as per the QoS (quality of service) parameters prescribed by TRAI. BSNL also plans to expand its mobile network of Andhra Pradesh including Hyderabad to increase the capacity as well as to further improve the quality.

(b) Details of number of mobile base stations (Towers) installed during the last 3 years in Andhra Pradesh are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) BSNL has planned to expand its network in Andhra Pradesh by installing more than 1100 additional Mobile base stations (Cell Towers) for which procurement action has been initiated.

Statement

Number of GSM cell towers installed in BSNL network (District-wise) in the State of Andhra Pradesh during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06

Sl. No.	Name of District	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1.	Adilabad	11	9	14
2.	Anantapur	19	14	32
3.	Kuddapalli	11	13	25
4.	Chittoor	21	15	29
5.	East Godavari	21	8	33
6.	Guntur	20	10	40
7.	Hyderabad & Rangareddy	105	72	53
8.	Karimnagar	15	8	37
9.	Khammam	10	5	18
10.	Kurnool	21	9	24
11.	Krishna	22	22	32
12.	Mahaboob Nagar	10	13	30
13.	Medar	14	5	19
14.	Nalgonda	16	9	17
15.	Nellore	15	7	23
16.	Nizambad	9	7	19
17.	Prakasham	12	7	21
18.	Rangareddy	12	3	20
19.	Srikakulam	9	6	20
20.	Visakapatnam	20	19	13
21.	Vizianagaram	6	9	15
22.	West Godavari	19	4	30
23.	Warangal	12	9	24
	TOTAL:	430	283	588